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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 40-45,47-56 and 58-67 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 40-45,47-56 and 58-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to RCE received on August 31, 2007. Claims 62-67 were newly added. Claims 40-67 are pending examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 40-45, 47-56 and 58-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Erpeldinger, U.S. Patent No. 6,557,169.

As to claims 40 and 51, Erpeldinger teaches a method and apparatus for a service provider to provide services to a plurality of client computers, comprising:

providing a first set of services on a first set of one or more servers of the service provider to the plurality of client computers by providing secure access to the first set of one or more servers by the plurality of client computers, but prohibiting secure access to the plurality of client computers by the first set of one or more servers (see col. 1 lines 22-32); and

providing a second set of services on a second set of one or more servers of the service provider to the plurality of client computers by providing secure access to the plurality of client computers by the second set of one or more servers, but prohibiting secure access to the second set of one or more servers by the plurality of client computers (see col. 2 lines 2 lines 65-col. 3 lines 22).

As to claims 41 and 52, Erpeldinger teaches the method and apparatus of claims 40 and 51 wherein said first set of one or more services comprise data services (see col. 1 lines 22-32).

As to claims 42 and 53, Erpeldinger teaches the method and apparatus of claims 41 and 52 wherein said second set of one or more services comprise management and configuration services (see col. 2 lines 2 lines 65-col. 3 lines 22).

As to claims 43 and 54, Erpeldinger teaches the method and apparatus of claims 41 and 52 wherein said first set of services comprises at least one service selected from the group consisting of: virus protection services, remote access, backup, software sharing, and telephony services (see col. 1 lines 22-32).

As to claims 44 and 55, Erpeldinger teaches the method and apparatus of claims 42 and 53 wherein said second set of services comprises at least one service selected from the group consisting of: security, password management, software updates, software distribution, and access control (see col. 2 lines 2 lines 65-col. 3 lines 22).

As to claims 45 and 56, Erpeldinger teaches the method and apparatus of claims 40 and 51 further comprising: preventing any said client computer network from securely accessing resources in any other said client computer network (see col. 2 lines 2 lines 65-col. 3 lines 22).

As to claims 47 and 58, Erpeldinger teaches the method and apparatus of claims 40 and 51 further comprising: preventing any said client computer from securely accessing resources in said second set of one or more servers (see col. 2 lines 2 lines 65-col. 3 lines 22).

As to claims 48 and 59, Erpeldinger teaches the method and apparatus of claims 42 and 53 further comprising: preventing said first set of one or more servers from securely accessing resources in said second set of one or more servers (see col. 2 lines 2 lines 65-col. 3 lines 22).

As to claims 49 and 60, Erpeldinger teaches the method and apparatus of claims 42 and 53 wherein said first set of one or more servers providing said data services and said second set of one or more servers providing said management and configuration services are separate (see col. 2 lines 2 lines 65-col. 3 lines 22 and col. 1 lines 22-32).

As to claims 50 and 61, Erpeldinger teaches the method and apparatus of claims 40 and 51 further comprising: connecting said first set of one or more servers to at least one of the group consisting of: the Internet, a public switched telephone network, and a data network (see col. 2 lines 55-62).

Claims 62-67 do not add any further limitation over claims 40-61 and are therefore rejected for similar reasons.

3. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but are moot in view of new grounds of rejection.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hussein A. El-chanti whose telephone number is (571)272-3999. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571)272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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